Atrocities on dalits

4234. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of caste atrocities inflicted on dalits during the year 2005-06 and 2006-07 in the States and Union Territories of the country;

(b) the number of persons assaulted and the number of culprits getting arrested, State-wise and UT-wise; and

(c) whether the Central Government have made any survey of the social atrocity prone States and suggested preventive steps?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) and (b) National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) does not maintain financial year-wise data. Besides, information on the number of Scheduled Castes persons assaulted is not available with them.

(b) The State Governments/Union Territory Administrations are addressed from time to time to implement the legal provisions in letter and spirit. They are also provided central assistance for awareness generation, strengthening of the administrative, enforcement and judicial machinery, etc.

Besides on 24th April, 2007, Chief Ministers of the State were urged *inter alia* to evolve a special package for development of identified atrocity prone/sensitive areas.

Welfare of disabled

4235. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given its approval to signing and ratification of the United Nations "Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities" in a bid to promote and protect the rights of the disabled;